

*Stated Meeting, November 19, 1880.*

Present, 16 members.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

A letter of acknowledgment was received from the New York Academy of Sciences, October 23 (68, 75, 76, 79, 80, 89, 97, 102, 104).

A letter of envoy was received from the Royal Dublin Society, dated September, 1880.

Donations for the Library were received from the Mining Department, Melbourne; Academies at St. Petersburg and Berlin; Batavian Society, Harlem; Geographical Society and *Revue Politique*, Paris; *Revista Euscara*, Pamplona; *Nature*, London; Essex Institute, Salem; Professors Brush and Dana, New Haven; Franklin Institute, Historical Society, American Numismatic and Antiquarian Society, Editor of the *American*, and Mr. Henry Phillips, Jr. Philadelphia; *Revista Cientifica* and Ministerio de Fomento, Mexico.

The death of Mr. Henry Wharton, November 11, at Philadelphia, aged 53, was announced by Mr. J. S. Price, and, on motion, Mr. Jos. B. Townsend was requested to prepare an obituary notice of the deceased.

The death of Dr. Alexander Wilcocks, November 10, at Philadelphia, aged 62, was announced by Mr. Price.

The death of Prof. John Rudolf von Wagner, at Würzburg, October 4, aged 58 (born at Leipsig, February 13, 1822), was announced by the Secretary.

Mr. Dubois offered the following from his note-book, in the U. S. Mint:

“November 19, 1880. Professor Baird, of the Smithsonian Institution, brought an engraved disk for examination. It was found in Guatamala, and at first view it seems to be a coin. It is not that, however; the lines and figures being chased with a graving tool, quite too slow an operation for making currency.

“On one side is a wolf, among trees; and on the other a tapir, behind which stands a man. A hole, rudely punched, must have served for hang-

ing the piece around the neck, as an ornament or amulet. There is no attempt at lettering.

"The measures are: Diameter, 1.4 inch; thickness, 75 thous. of an inch; weight,  $18\frac{1}{4}$  grammes; sp. gr. 8.80.

"This last, together with the color and the good preservation, indicate a mixture of copper and tin.

"It bears some testimony to the condition of the aborigines, and in that view is interesting.

"Mr. Phillips expressed the opinion that the piece was not much more than a century old."

Mr. Lesley exhibited and described three models in plaster:

1. Of the Seven Mountains in Middle Pennsylvania, surveyed by Charles E. Billin.

2. Of the Stone Mountain Fault, by Mr. Charles E. Billin.

3. Of a part of the Middle Anthracite Coal Field, constructed from the first specimen sheet map of the Anthracite Survey, by Mr. Charles A. Ashburner.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Officers and members in council were read, and the following resolutions were adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That the Society has no power to modify the regulations prescribed by the donor (Mr. Magellan) for the awarding of the Magellanic premium.

2. *Resolved*, That the third condition precludes the awarding said premium to any person who has already published his or her discovery in taking out a patent, and who is also rewarded therefor by the monopoly conferred by the letters patent.

3. *Resolved*, That Chapter XII of the By-Laws be printed on the fly-leaf of each number of the Proceedings until further orders.

Four other resolutions recommended for consideration were postponed for the present, one of them involving a change in the By-Laws, and requiring certain preliminary formalities. (See Minute Book.)

Pending nominations Nos. 909, 920, 921, 922, and new nominations Nos. 923, 924, 925, were read, and the meeting was adjourned.